

EXHIBIT 5

Gary Vorsanger, M.D.

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January 17, 2019

1 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLEVELAND COUNTY
2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA2 - - - - - STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel.,
3 MIKE HUNTER, ATTORNEY GENERAL
4 OF OKLAHOMA,

5 Plaintiff,

5 No. CJ-2017-816

6 vs.

7 (1) PURDUE PHARMA, L.P.,
8 (2) PURDUE PHARMA, INC.,
9 (3) THE PURDUE FREDERICK COMPANY;
10 (4) TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC.;
11 (5) CEPHALON, INC.;
12 (6) JOHNSON & JOHNSON;
13 (7) JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS , INC.;
14 (8) ORTHO-McNEIL-JANSSEN
15 PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. n/k/a
16 JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.;
17 (9) JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICA, INC.,
18 n/k/a JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.;
19 (10) ALLERGAN, PLC, f/k/a ACTAVIS, PLC,
20 f/k/a ACTAVIS, INC., f/k/a WATSON
21 PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.;
22 (11) WATSON LABORATORIES, INC.;
23 (12) ACTAVIS LLC; and
24 (13) ACTAVIS PHARMA, INC.;
25 f/k/a WATSON PHARMA, INC.;

16 Defendants.

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19 Videotaped deposition of GARY VORSANGER, M.D.,
20 Ph.D., taken pursuant to Notice, was held at the Law
21 Offices of DRINKER BIDDLE & REATH, LLP, 105 College Road
22 East, Princeton, New Jersey, commencing January 17,
23 2019, 9:08 a.m., on the above date, before Amanda
24 McCredo, a Court Reporter and Notary Public in the State
25 of New Jersey.

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37 James Soto - videographer

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1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning. We're on
2 the record. The time is 9:08 a.m. Today is
3 the 17th day of January, 2019.

4 We're here at 105 College Road East,
5 Princeton, New Jersey, for the purpose of
6 taking the videotape deposition of Dr. Gary
7 Vorsanger in the matter of the State of
8 Oklahoma versus Purdue Pharma, LP, et al.

9 The videographer is James Soto, the court
10 reporter is Amanda McCredo, both with U.S.
11 Legal Support.

12 Counsel please identify yourselves for the
13 record.

14 MR. DUCK: Trey Duck, from Nix, Patterson,
15 and Maria Gomez, from Nix, Patterson, on behalf
16 of the State of Oklahoma.

17 MR. LIFLAND: Charles Lifland, O'Melveny &
18 Myers, for Johnson & Johnson and Janssen
19 Pharmaceuticals.

20 MR. WEISBAND: Vincent Weisband, O'Melveny
21 & Myers, for Johnson & Johnson and Janssen
22 Pharmaceuticals.

23 MR. FIORE: Mark Fiore, Morgan, Lewis &
24 Bockius, on behalf of the Teva defendants.

25 MS. NEWSOME: Jervonne Newsome, with Lynn

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1 Pinker Cox & Hurst, on behalf of the Purdue
2 defendants.

3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you.

4 Please administer the oath.

5 GARY VORSANGER, the witness herein, after having been
6 first duly sworn by a Notary Public of the
7 State of New Jersey, was examined and
8 testified as follows:

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10 MR. LIFLAND: So, we -- before we went on
11 the record, we discussed a stipulation
12 regarding objections. And the stipulation is
13 that, my objections will also apply for the
14 other parties here, Purdue and Teva, but not
15 vice versa. If they object and I want to
16 object, I will make that objection on the
17 record separately.

18 MR. DUCK: Great. Thank you.

19 EXAMINATION BY

20 MR. DUCK:

21 Q Good morning, Dr. Vorsanger.

22 A Good morning.

23 Q How are you doing?

24 A I'm doing okay, thanks.

25 Q Can you please introduce yourself to the

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1 to fill out a med watch form, as well; so, we could
2 capture it formally.

3 Q Did Janssen receive any input directly from
4 patients about euphoria or feeling good?

5 A So, my experience, what I had heard, was
6 indirectly, but it relates to patients. I don't
7 know if you'd want to hear that or not, Counselor.

8 Q Sure.

9 A All right. So, early on, when tapentadol
10 was first introduced into the U.S. marketplace, we
11 became aware that there were some reports of
12 patients noting that -- it's actually almost the
13 reverse of what you're asking me. So, patients were
14 taking the medication, and they were describing as
15 not getting the buzz, not getting the euphoria. And
16 so, they had interpreted that as indicating that
17 the, that the drug was not working.

18 I had reached out to the individuals in the
19 field and said, "Do you know whether the healthcare
20 providers had actually done an assessment of pain
21 control or reduction in pain?"

22 And they went back, and, as it turned out,
23 they did.

24 So, for example, if a patient had a pain
25 level of level eight, and they did an -- they did

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1 a -- asked the patient what the level of pain was
2 after they started the medication, and had it
3 dropped from eight to six, then, assuming no other
4 side effects, that that would be a successful
5 treatment for that patient.

6 So, we came to understand, at least early
7 on in the U.S. marketplace, that, in fact,
8 tapentadol wasn't giving the type of euphoria that
9 patients may have been -- experienced with drugs
10 like hydrocodone or oxycodone.

11 So, we were -- in answer to your question,
12 we are aware of euphoria, we did get that feedback.
13 But in this case, it was not euphoria, it was
14 absence of euphoria that we've heard about.

15 But it gets anecdotal. So, I want to make
16 sure that's clear.

17 Q You also received -- Janssen also received
18 reports about patients experiencing euphoria with
19 its drugs?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And patients saying they felt good on the
22 drug; it made them feel good, right?

23 A Presumably "feel good" would have been a
24 term -- one of the terms that people might use.

25 "Feel good" and other descriptions would

1 so, they talk about the level of evidence that they
2 have -- "and long-term studies are needed to
3 identify the patients who are most likely to benefit
4 from treatment."

5 Q Let's switch gears and talk about Nucynta.

6 What were your responsibilities for
7 Nucynta?

8 A So, I was a senior medical director when
9 Nucynta was approved, working at the U.S. medical
10 affairs group at Janssen. And my responsibilities
11 were similar to what I've already described. I was
12 responsible for the design of clinical studies, if
13 we had decided that we wanted to have studies; to
14 review data that had come in from the studies that
15 were done by our research and development group.

16 I published a number of post hoc analysis
17 from the data that were done by R&D group. I
18 continued to work with our outcomes research group.
19 I continued to work with our pharmacovigilance
20 group. I continued to do some work -- do work on
21 the promotional review committee, as I had
22 mentioned. And then continued to run the active
23 surveillance program, amongst other activities, as
24 well.

25 Q What is Nucynta?

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1 A Nucynta is an opioid analgesic.

2 Q And is it different from other opioid
3 analgesics?

4 A Yes. An analgesic is a pain medication.

5 Nucynta is different from other pain
6 medications. It's a semisynthetic opioid pain
7 medication. Although its exact mechanism of action
8 is unknown, the preclinical studies suggest that it
9 has two mechanisms of action: One is a typical
10 opioid-type effect, and the second one is a
11 norepinephrine reuptake inhibitory effect. And it's
12 believed that both of those mechanisms provide pain
13 control.

14 Q And what's the significance of having two
15 mechanisms of action?

16 A Well, the opioid effect from Nucynta is
17 weaker from -- than some of the other strong
18 opioids, such as oxycodone or morphine.

19 But by having the two mechanisms -- and in
20 clinical studies, we were able to show that the
21 product delivered very effective -- was both -- the
22 efficacy was similar to oxycodone, although the
23 studies weren't powered specifically to look at
24 that, but we certainly saw that in our studies, and
25 had -- was quite effective.

1 Q What about with regard to adverse event
2 profile?

3 A So, because the effect that the opioid
4 receptor is -- was postulated or hypothesized, and
5 certainly thought to be -- from other studies, to be
6 weaker than a strong opioid, we thought that it
7 might be likely that there may be less abuse
8 associated with tapentadol compared to some of the
9 stronger opioids, such as oxycodone or morphine.

10 Q How about other adverse events?

11 A So, in addition to that, we saw -- because,
12 again, less of an effect on the opioid receptor
13 relative to the other ones, we saw some potential GI
14 benefits, as well, which, which -- the reason was
15 that we talked about.

16 Q And what's the approved indication for
17 Nucynta immediate-release version?

18 A So, Nucynta immediate-release is approved
19 for the treatment of acute pain. What we're -- and
20 I'm paraphrasing it now -- for moderate to severe
21 acute pain in patients requiring opioid analgesics,
22 where medications of -- that were -- and I'm just
23 describing what's in the package insert -- where
24 lesser medications would be inadequate to provide
25 pain control to those patients.

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1 self-reported data in near real time on respondents
2 from a network of facilities across the United
3 States. These facilities utilize the assessment for
4 treatment planning and triage in relation to
5 substance abuse problems."

6 Q And how about in the prior section there,
7 on the top of 81, the last sentence, again, of the
8 carryover product [sic]?

9 A In this report?

10 Q No. Before that.

11 A Oh.

12 Q The last sentence there.

13 A The last sentence, sure.

14 "The various data sources are intended to
15 complement each other; an indication of increased
16 abuse of a particular product found in one data
17 source can be examined and evaluated with other
18 sources within NAVIPPRO. Continuous examination of
19 these data streams allows monitoring of trends over
20 time for drug abuse at a product-specific level."

21 Q And what did the surveillance show, again,
22 over the years that the company looked at it, for
23 the Nucynta products?

24 A For the Nucynta products, the data from the
25 NAVIPPRO system was very similar in conclusion to

1 what I had also reported for the work that came out
2 of RADARS.

3 And both systems, together, identified, in
4 general, low mentions of abuse of Nucynta.

5 Q Now, counsel showed you a -- an exhibit --
6 I think it was marked as Exhibit 10. Do you still
7 have that?

8 A Let's see. What number, I'm sorry?

9 Q Ten.

10 A Okay.

11 (Exhibit 10 was shown to the
12 witness.)

13 Q Could you explain what that data is?

14 A So, these are data that were generated for
15 SCEPTRE. These look like raw data to me. These are
16 data that describe reports of Nucynta with the
17 reaction of drug abuse. These may be -- this is
18 information that would come into the company. Some
19 of it may have come in from RADARS; it may have come
20 in from other sources, as well. And these data
21 would be analyzed, duplications would be removed.
22 And then, for the information, where we had
23 information, we would generate reports. And those
24 reports would be put as part of a safety -- put
25 information as part of a submission for a safety

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3 I, AMANDA McCREDO, a Shorthand Reporter
4 and Notary Public of the State of New Jersey,
5 do hereby certify:

6 That the witness whose examination is
7 hereinbefore set forth, was duly sworn, and
8 that such examination is a true record of the
9 testimony given by such witness.

10 I further certify that I am not related to any
11 of the parties to this action by blood or
12 marriage; and that I am in no way interested in
13 the outcome of this matter.

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